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## VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Professor Anastopoulo:

As you know, I am in receipt of your request for the following public records:

- 1) A list of all outside attorneys/law firms contracted by the Attorney General's office (with amounts paid if available) for the years 2011-2018 inclusive.
- 2) A list of all outside vendors utilized by the Attorney General's office including the amounts paid to each and the reason for the payments for the years 2011-2018 inclusive.

With regard to the first category of documents, please find three charts responsive to your request. The first chart reflects payments to outside counsel on Form 1s (Agency Request for Authorization to Employ Associate Counsel). The second is a chart reflecting payments to outside counsel in accordance with litigation retention agreements executed after January 1, 2011. The third is a chart reflecting settlements paid to outside counsel between 2011 and 2018 in accordance with litigation retention agreements executed prior to January 1, 2011.

With regard to the second category of documents, as we agreed during our previous conference call, I asked our finance department to limit the search of "outside vendors" to those General Ledger Accounts that were over \$100,000 for each fiscal year (FY 2011 to 2018). The responsive records are enclosed.

Finally, while the time spent on searching for the requested records was over 11 hours, we are waiving any additional charges that may be due. Your initial deposit toward the costs associated with the search for these records has been deposited in accordance with S.C. Code §30-4-30(B).

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan B. Williams

Senior Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

Case / Matter	Firm		Cost
Yucca Mountain	K&L Gates LLP	\$	2,123.30
Yucca Mountain	Ken Woodington (Davidson & Lindemann PA)***	\$	93,317.60
James L. Raphotz (Needed hearing officer for Securities hearing)	Willoughby & Hoefer PA	\$	1,530.00
Arthur Field FOIA case	Davidson & Lindemann, PA	\$	31,133.94
SC Voter ID litigation	Law Office of Christopher Coates		136,000.99
Voter ID DOJ Pre-Clearance	Bancroft PLLC	\$	3,419,438.28
AG for Savannah River Maritime Commisison**	Randy Lowell (Willoughby & Hoefer PA)	\$	1,267,207.71
Savannah Riverkeeper et al, original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	\$	132,637.44
Personnel Matters*			15,658.72
In the matter of Infinity Business Group Inc	Lydon Law Firm	\$	3,090.00
In re: Haltiwanger	John B. Butler III PA	\$	464.91
MOX case	Randy Lowell (Willoughby & Hoefer PA)/ Ken Woodington (Davidson & Lindemann PA)	\$	120,578.16
Thedford Bey case	Davidson & Lindemann, PA	\$	2,339.93
Pasco v. Parks; Pascoe v. Wilson	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	\$	74,757.00
Noel Gray v. Judge Early and the State of South Carolina	Davidson & Lindemann, PA	\$	465.04
*Ongoing for HR/Employment related issues			
** Randy Lowell retained at the request of Dean Moss, Chairman of the			
Savannah River Maritime Commission. Lowell is one of the leading environmental			
lawyers in the state and is widely recognized for his expertise.			
*** Ken Woodington retained for his specialized expertise in this area			

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## Litigation Retention Agreements - Contingency fee cases 2011-Present

		Grand Total of							
			0	utside Counsel	Οι	ıtside Counsel	T	otal Settlement	Percentage of
Firm	Case	<b>Date Settled</b>	(	Costs & Fees	C	osts and Fees		Amount	Fees and Costs
Kenneth M. Suggs			\$	1,022,791.54					
J. Todd Rutherford	Cephalon, Inc.	12/15/2015	\$	396,778.91	\$	1,419,570.45	\$	6,000,000.00	24%
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Charlie Condon Law Firm, LLC	Amgen	2/17/2016	\$	221,462.19	\$	221,462.19	\$	2,109,163.73	10%
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Heard, Robins, Cloud & Black, LLP			\$	3,394,205.81					
Harrison, White, Smith & Coggins, P.O.			\$	662,506.92	Ī				
Simmons Law Firm, LLC	GSK/Avandia	11/18/2013	\$	661,068.06					
Charlie Condon Law Firm, LLC			\$	661,068.06					
L. Michael Messina, P.A.			\$	474,965.81	\$	5,853,814.66	\$	43,000,000.00	14%
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Harrison, White, Smith & Coggins, P.O.			\$	1,162,462.34					
Simmons Law Firm, LLC			\$	1,177,034.01					
Stein Muse Mitchell Cipollone &	S&P/Credit Rating Agency	3/12/2015							
Beato LLP			\$	1,129,707.33					
Thomas L. Krebs, LLC			\$	1,127,653.48	\$	4,596,857.16	\$	21,535,714.00	21%
Willcox Buyck & Williams, P.A.	Company Undersonal		\$	12,418.81					
Wiggins Childs Quinn & Pantazis, LLC	Sunoco Underground	3/31/2017	\$	24,837.61	\$	62,122.72	\$	300,000.00	21%
McCallum Methvin & Terrell, P.C.	Storage Tank		\$	24,866.30					
Willcox Buyck & Williams, P. A.			\$	36,363.77					
	ConocoPhillips Underground		۲.	72 664 10					
Wiggins Childs Quinn & Pantazis, LLC	Storage Tank	6/30/2015	\$	72,664.19	\$	183,166.21	\$	1,750,000.00	10%
	Storage rank		\$	74,138.25					
McCallum Methvin & Terrell, P.C.			Ş	74,136.23					
McGowan, Hood & Felder	Wiring Harness	7/27/2017	\$	59,118.41	\$	59,118.41	\$	298,500.00	20%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - Hitachi	4/18/2013	\$	610,403.25	\$	610,403.25	\$	2,650,000.00	23%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - LG	2/18/2014	\$	1,626,042.01	\$	1,626,042.01	\$	8,250,000.00	20%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - Chi Mei	10/7/2014	\$	883,710.36	\$	883,710.36	\$	3,950,000.00	22%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD- Samsung	12/4/2014	\$	1,069,200.00	\$	1,069,200.00	\$	5,200,000.00	21%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD- Epson	3/16/2015	\$	269,779.26	\$	269,779.26	\$	925,000.00	29%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD- Chunghwa	5/21/2015	\$	37,487.40	\$	37,487.40	\$	180,000.00	21%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - AU Optronics	6/14/2015	\$	1,253,019.77	\$	1,253,019.77	\$	6,200,000.00	20%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - Sharp	8/6/2015	\$	639,416.48	\$	639,416.48	\$	2,980,000.00	21%
McGowan, Hood & Felder	LCD - HannStar	9/28/2015	\$	239,728.33	\$	239,728.33	\$	1,125,000.00	21%
		Total:	\$	19,024,898.66	\$	19,024,898.66	Ė	106,453,377.73	18%

The following law firms were contracted by the Attorney General's Office during the relevant period. No payments have been made to these firms Randolph R. Lowell MOX

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Kenneth P. Woodington	MOX
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Motley Rice LLC	Opioid Manufacturers
Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A.	Opioid Manufacturers
James E. Smith, Jr., P.A.	Opioid Manufacturers
Chad McGowan	Bayer/Yaz
T. Travis Medlock	Bayer/Yaz
Peter Mougey	Bayer/Yaz
Joseph Peiffer	Bayer/Yaz
Todd Schneider	Bayer/Yaz

## Litigation Retention Agreements Executed prior to 2011

Firm	Case	Date Settled	Grand Total of Outside Counsel Date Settled Costs and Fees		Percentage of Fees and Costs
John Simmons - Simmons Law Firm, LLC John White - Harrison White P.C.	Affinion / Trilegiant	12/3/2012	\$ 1,011,403.90	\$ 3,900,553.38	26%
John Simmons - Simmons Law Firm, LLC John White - Harrison White P.C. F. Kenneth Bailey - Bailey Peavy Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC	AstraZeneca - Seroquel	8/21/2012	\$ 4,823,838.25	\$ 26,000,000.00	19%
John Simmons - Simmons Law Firm, LLC John White - Harrison White P.C. F. Kenneth Bailey - Bailey Peavy Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC	Janssen (Risperdal)	2/16/2016	\$ 23,101,268.62	\$ 148,778,717.32	16%
Strom Law Firm  T. English McCutchen, III - McCutchen, Blanton, Johnson & Barnett, LLP  D. Michael Kelly - NO Law Firm listed in the LRA  J. Stephen Schmutz - Schumtz and Schmutz	AWP (Average Wholesale Price) Litigation - various cases	Various cases settled on different dates	\$ 7,375,519.42	\$ 40,135,881.26	18%
William A. Coates from Roe Cassidy Coates and Price, P.A.  Eugene C. Covington, Jr. from Covington Patrick Hagins Stern & Lewis, P.A.  Robert Jenner from Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC  Christopher M. Placitella from Cohen, Placitella & Roth  Mark C. Schultz from Cohen, Placitella & Roth  Kenneth M. Suggs from Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC	Merck - Vioxx	5/3/2012	\$ 501,365.96	\$ 2,407,810.72	21%
McGowan, Hood and Felder T. Travis Medlock Peter Mougey - Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty and Proctor, PA	AWH (Auto Wiring Harness) Litigation - Various cases	Various cases settled on different dates	\$59,118.41	\$298,500.00	20%